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SETTING UP OF TASK FORCE FOR SPREADING RURAL TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to set up a Task Force to Coordinate and spread innovations in rural technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any funds have been allocated for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the states where the Government propose to apply the rural technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SH MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. The Government has accorded high priority to development and dissemination of rural technology in its development strategy. A number of agencies have been set up to develop and disseminate technologies, which could be adopted by the rural industries. Though there are many organizations active in this area, it has been felt that there is a need to take a holistic look at the issue of rural technology development, evaluation and extension. The Government has decided to set up a Task force to undertake this exercise. The composition and terms of reference of the Task Force are being worked out.